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# Metro storage set to make way for dorm

*Remodel part of MIT 2030 vision, preserves the historic architecture*

By **Patricia Z. Dominguez**  
NEWS EDITOR

The Metropolitan Moving & Storage Warehouse, located on the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street, will be closing after around 120 years of business. The Institute did not renew the moving company's lease because it plans to renovate the building as part of the MIT 2030 capital projects.

The MIT administration first announced tentative plans for the warehouse in an April email to faculty and students. The email also announced that a Metropolitan Warehouse Advisory Group would be formed, and would comprise students and other members of the MIT community. The committee was to be led by the Offices of the Associate Provost for Space Plan-

ning and Campus Planning.

MIT's Capital Projects webpage says that the Institute will be renovating the building while preserving "the integrity of the historic architecture."

Plans for the building's redevelopment include student housing for up to 450 undergraduates, a maker space, and a street-level retail space along Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street. Proposals for a rooftop addition to provide a gathering area are also being considered.

The Metropolitan company informed its customers that all of their items in storage at the warehouse must be moved no later than Oct. 30. According to a Cambridge Day article, the letter informing customers of the warehouse's closure recommended that they move their belongings to Extra Space Storage in Dorchester.



DANIEL MIRNY—THE TECH

A crane sits in front of the Metropolitan Storage Warehouse, which is set to be converted into an undergraduate dorm with ground-floor retail space.

# Suspect charged with murder after shooting

*Male victim shot on Windsor Street was found dead near Kendall MBTA*

By **Alexandra Delmore and William Navarre**  
EDITORS

On Monday, Roosselin Altidor of Medford was arraigned on a charge of murder for the Aug. 12 shooting of 31-year-old Rasaun Nichols near MIT's campus.

Nichols was shot through the windshield of his girlfriend's car while they were parked near 119 Windsor Street in Cambridge. Nichols's girlfriend tried to rush him to the hospital but stopped for help near the Kendall MBTA stop. When the police arrived, Nichols did not have a pulse and was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

Photographs of the scene showed

what appeared to be at least six bullet holes in the passenger side of the victim's windshield.

MIT Alert issued a series of warnings to campus during the incident. It was originally thought, according to the first Alert, that the victim had been shot near the MBTA station. Later updates clarified that the victim had been shot about a half-mile from there and that the driver of the vehicle had driven the car to the Kendall MBTA stop.

As of 10:10 p.m. — more than an hour after the first MIT Alert was issued at 8:59 p.m. — community members were being warned that the "suspect is still at large."

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## MITx grants to fund digital learning projects

Eight projects have received MITx grants from the Office of Digital Learning to produce content and tools that will be hosted on MITx for the benefit of MIT students and others around the world. The purpose of the grant program is to encourage professors to use the technology in new ways, according to the MIT News Office.

One of the projects, led by Professor of Literature Diana Henderson, will provide annotation tools for online literature classes and is expected to allow instructors to incor-

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# Strandbeests walk MA beach, Media Lab demo is upcoming

*Artist will be present for panel discussion pre-exhibit*

By **Katherine Nazemi**  
NEWS EDITOR

Theo Jansen's wind-powered strandbeests (Dutch for "beach animals") roamed the beach in Ipswich last Saturday, Aug. 22. It was their first stop on a tour that will take them through Boston, to MIT, and that will culminate in an exhibition of the artist's work at the Peabody Essex Museum (PEM).

Strandbeests are the result of Jansen's efforts to create "new forms of life." Ranging in size from human-

height to elephantine, strandbeests are made primarily of PVC pipe, zip ties, and elastic bands. They contain no computers or motors but are able to move on their own, powered by wind collected by billowing sailswith billowing sails. Jansen sees them as autonomous, intelligent life forms.

"Eventually I want to put these animals out in herds on beaches, so they will live their own lives," Jansen wrote on his website.

Strandbeests will roam in Boston on Friday, Aug. 28 at City Hall Plaza

and Rose Kennedy Greenway. On Sept. 10, they will be displayed at the Media Lab. A panel discussion with Jansen, PEM curator Trevor Smith, and MIT associate professor Neri Oxman will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Afterwards, the strandbeests (of the species *Animaris Ordis*) will walk outdoors.

Some animal species have "stomachs" consisting of recycled plastic bottles containing air that can be pumped up to a high pres-

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WEATHER

Tropical Storm Erika threatens U.S.

By Vince Agard  
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Tropical Storm Erika is currently impacting the Antillean islands, and it could become the first tropical cyclone to strike the continental United States this year. Erika became the fifth named storm of the 2015 Atlantic hurricane season on Tuesday, just a few days after Hurricane Danny became the first storm of the year to at-

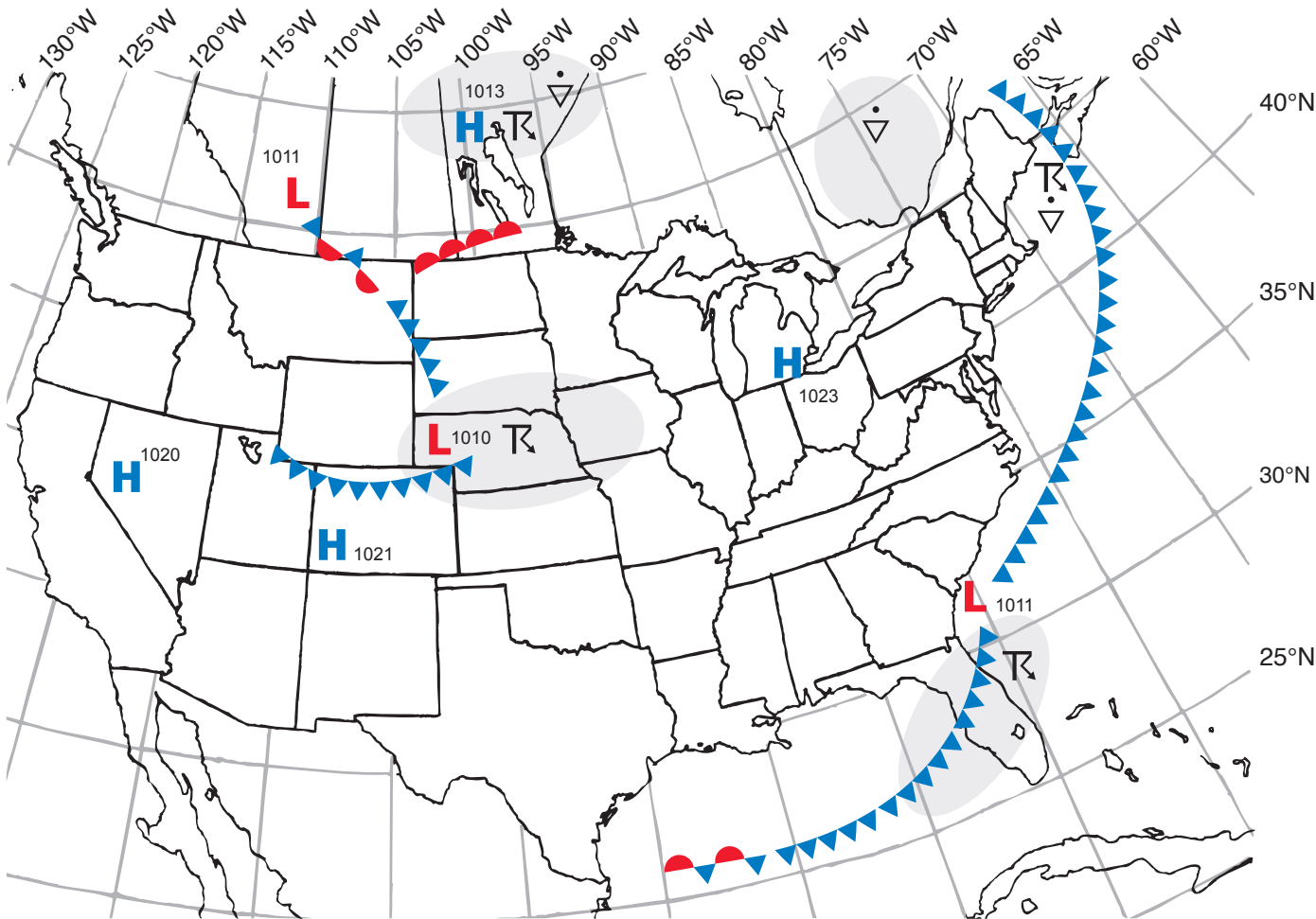
tain hurricane strength. After passing near Puerto Rico later today, Erika is expected to track to the north of Hispaniola and Cuba in the coming days. By the weekend, the storm could be strengthening as it encounters warm waters in the vicinity of the Bahamas. While it is very hard to predict the motion — and especially the intensity — of a tropical cyclone several days in advance, there is a distinct possibility that Erika could im-

pact the southeastern U.S. coast by the beginning of next week.

Closer to home, returning students will find abundant sunshine at the Institute as high pressure settles in for the remainder of the week. High temperatures in the mid-80s (°F) can be expected through the weekend. The exception will Friday, when a sea breeze will allow cooler air to sneak in from the roughly 70°F Massachusetts Bay.

Extended Forecast

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**Tonight:** Sunny, high 84°F (29°C). Winds NW at 5-10 mph.  
**Tomorrow:** Sunny, high 84°F (29°C). Winds NW at 5-10 mph.  
**Saturday:** Sunny, highs in the mid 80s °F (29°C).  
**Sunday:** A chance of showers or thunderstorms, highs in the mid 80s °F (29°C).



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# Educators discover new ways that students cheat on MOOCs

## Paper describes ways to detect two major methods

By Abby Abazorius  
MIT NEWS OFFICE

While the proliferation of massive open online courses (MOOCs) has expanded learning opportunities for individuals around the world, the digital classroom is also subject to many of the same issues as the traditional one, such as cheating.

In a new working paper, researchers at MIT and Harvard University identify a new method of cheating specific to open online courses and recommend a number of strategies that prove effective in preventing such cheating.

The working paper, “Detecting and Preventing ‘Multiple-Account’ Cheating in Massive Open Online Courses,” was published today on arXiv.org, an online repository for electronic preprints.

Isaac Chuang — a professor of electrical engineering and physics, senior associate dean of digital learning at MIT, and one of the authors of the working paper — explains that he and his colleagues were inspired to examine the problem in an effort to better understand all the opportunities that online courses provide, including both learning and cheating.

“If learners in some online courses are circumventing the learning process and obtaining certification without going through the traditional routes of assessment and feedback, then the certification does not necessarily imply that they learned anything. This could seriously devalue MOOC certification,” Chuang says. “This is a well-known issue in academics, and it’s happening in a new ways in online settings. We want to understand and address this issue as online education continues to grow.”

Andrew Ho, a professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and an author of the working paper, adds that the paper describes “a new cheating technique that is particular to MOOCs. It is enabled by specific design features, including the ability to create multiple accounts for free. This is a method of cheating that allows you to acquire a certification for a course in an hour, which is not possible through con-

ventional cheating approaches. This is cheating of a different kind.”

**CAMEO users**

While analyzing data gathered from learners using the edX online learning platform, the researchers noticed that certain users were answering assessment questions “faster than is humanly possible,” according to Chuang. Upon further examination, the researchers realized that a number of learners appeared to be employing a cheating strategy they refer to as “copying answers using multiple existences online” (or CAMEO).

In this method of cheating, a user creates multiple accounts, one of which is the primary account that will ultimately earn a certificate. The other accounts are used to find or “harvest” the correct answers to assessment questions for the master account.

To determine the amount of cheating occurring in classes where learners can obtain certification for passing the course, the researchers developed a new algorithm that can identify CAMEO users. The algorithm searches for pairs of related accounts in which one account responds to most of the answers incorrectly and the other provides mostly correct answers on the first attempt. Activity time stamps are then reviewed to see when the account suspected of harvesting answers solved a particular problem just after the master account did. The algorithm also looks to see whether related accounts might share IP addresses across multiple courses.

The researchers examined data gathered from 1.9 million course participants in 115 MOOCs offered by HarvardX and MITx from the fall of 2012 through the spring of 2015. They discovered that in 69 courses where users were found to have been employing the CAMEO strategy, 1.3 percent of the certificates earned (1,237 certificates) appeared to have been obtained through such cheating. Additionally, they found that among earners of 20 or more certificates, 25 percent appear to have used the CAMEO strategy. In some courses CAMEO users may account for as many as 5 percent of certi-

icates earned.

Although these percentages are lower than the prevalence of reported cheating, which by some accounts is greater than 50 percent, the authors argue that these percentages are nonetheless significant. “This is not an isolated incident of copying on part of one assignment,” Ho says. “This is the wholesale falsification of a certificate.”

CAMEO usage was found to be higher among young, less-educated males outside the United States. The rate among users from the United States was particularly low, at 0.4 percent of certificates earned. The authors observe that these rates may correlate with the perceived value of the certificate across different countries.

The prevalence of CAMEO usage was highest in government, health, and social science courses, where 1.3 percent of certificates were earned by employing the CAMEO strategy, and lowest in computer science courses, where just 0.1 percent of certificates were obtained using the technique.

**Prevention techniques**

The authors outline a number of strategies to prevent cheating in online courses, including restricting solutions to assessments until after assignments are due, and randomizing questions so that each learner receives a customized set of problems.

However, some of these strategies are costly or may limit learning opportunities. “We may face a tradeoff between enabling learning and preventing cheating,” Chuang notes.

The researchers found that in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) courses where such techniques may have been employed, CAMEO usage accounted for just 0.1 percent of certificates earned, as opposed to 1.2 percent of certificates earned in courses that did not use any prevention strategies.

While techniques including randomization are easy to employ in STEM courses, Chuang notes that they are more challenging to implement in humanities courses, where

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porate various media into their course easily.

Professor of Physics Barton Zwiebach plans to use the grant to develop content for 8.05; he plans to look into ways of analyzing incorrect answers to find common mistakes and provide more valuable feedback than has traditionally been possible.

The grants are intended to encourage MIT faculty to work toward the goals suggested by the Institute-Wide Task Force

on the Future of MIT Education, including modularity and reusability.

“I am excited by the response to this call [for grant applications],” Sanjay Sarma, MIT’s Dean of Digital Learning, told the News Office. “The MITx Grant Program creates a space where faculty can experiment and reinvent their classrooms.”

Fourteen projects were considered for grants this year; the ODL plans to accept proposals twice annually.

—William Navarre

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# Campus alerted of shooting

*Murder location initially unclear*

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By 10:50 p.m., it was relayed through a follow-up Alert that “MIT Police do not believe there is any threat to the MIT community.”

Early in the morning on Aug. 13, MIT Executive Vice President and Treasurer Israel Ruiz SM '01 sent an email to the MIT community with the details of the incident, also stating that “while the MIT Police have informed me that there is no known danger to the MIT community, they caution us all to be especially alert.”

Several mailing lists, including ec-discuss and the Media Lab’s official list, saw posts warning people to stay safe. A post on the latter list instructed people to “turn off the light and keep ... doors locked.” Another thread invited those in the building to gather together to ride out the situation.

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1	5	6	3	4	2
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4	2	3	6	1	5
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2	6	1	4	5	3

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# Strandbeests to be on exhibit at PEM

*PVC ‘animals’ store wind energy*

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sure by the wind. These “stomachs” allow the animal to store energy, and move self-propelled without the aid of wind. PVC pipe “muscles” allow the animal to move, and a “brain,” which consists of coordinated muscle systems, acts as a control center.

“I’ve always been dreaming, of course, that you could feed tubes to an animal and they would make a new animal,” Jansen told the *Boston Globe*. “That would be the ultimate reproduction idea.”

The PEM will host an exhibi-

tion of six species of strandbeest. Jansen, who drew inspiration from biologist Richard Dawkins, created species of creatures that evolve and go “extinct” after year-long life cycles.

“As soon as the development of an animal is at its end, I declare it extinct,” says Jansen on his website. His animals “evolve” as he tests different innovations to make them increasingly autonomous and incorporates successful ones.

“Hopefully, before I leave the planet, I can leave a new specimen on earth that can make their own decisions,” Jansen told the *Globe*.

# Cheating rare in US

*Methods involve extra accounts*

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multiple-choice questions are commonly used as part of the assessment process. Nonetheless, the researchers are hopeful that their findings will inspire course content creators to implement some of the prevention strategies they have outlined and that this research will inspire further evaluation of cheating in MOOCs.

“One of the most interesting lessons from the paper is that there are ways to mitigate cheating that are straightforward and implementable by the teams creating online course content,” Chuang explains. “We also expect platform improvements, such as virtual proctoring, to help reduce cheating.”

“This paper addresses a growing challenge as higher education digitizes: ensuring that the work that students do is their work,” says George Siemens, executive director of the Learning Innovation and Networked Knowledge research lab at the University of Texas at Arlington, who was not involved in the research.

“MOOCs, and in the case of this paper, the development of multiple online identities, present a new set of challenges for academics,” Siemens says. “The stakes in learning can be high since academic performance can influence job opportunities. Ensuring that work is done by the student proclaiming to have done it will continue to be a challenge online and in classrooms.”

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The band's third album continues a successful streak

I saw New Politics when they performed in Boston last fall, and of course I had already heard their viral hits “Harlem” and “Yeah Yeah Yeah,” but I wasn’t too familiar with any of their other work. However, the show really blew me away and inspired me to check out their other songs (many of which were just as catchy and still find their way onto my playlists). Near the end of the show, they promised that a new album would be released during summer 2015. New Politics released their first single for the album, “Everywhere I Go (Kings and Queens),” back in 2014, and I’ve been eagerly awaiting the release of *Vikings* since.

The band includes David Boyd (lead vocals and guitar), Søren Hansen (guitar, bass guitar, and vocals), and Louis Vecchio (percussion and vocals). The trio is known for its energetic stage presence (which often includes feats of gymnastics), and like the performance, the music is generally upbeat and catchy with a punky, indie rock feel.

On *Vikings*, however, some songs, such as "Lovers in a Song" and "Stardust" were slower than most of the songs on the band's previous albums. As much as I appreciated the attempt to branch out, I much preferred their bouncy, punnier tracks. Nevertheless, apart from those slower songs, the album is a nice dose of energetic indie rock. "Girl Crush," "15 Dreams," and "50 Feet Tall" were my favorite tracks by far. These same songs made up three of the four singles released for this album, so maybe the band agreed that these were its strongest songs.

*Vikings* is the Danish band's third album, and it is just as strong as their previous works — I imagine the trio will continue to have a great deal of success if they keep turning out these sing-along indie-punk tracks. *Vikings* has 11 songs totalling 44 minutes of playtime. New Politics is coming back to Boston on Friday November 20 at the Boston House of Blues, and like I said, their performances rock, so I'll definitely be there.

## Vikings

## New Politics

## Warner Bros Records

**Released August 14, 2015**



**Louis Vecchio, David Boyd, and Søren Hansen (left to right) are New Politics.**

# Never Shout Never is back with Black Cat

The band's sound evolves but I miss the ukulele

I used to listen to Never Shout Never all the time in high school. I first discovered the band when I saw them live at a local music festival back home; they were just an opening act for some band that I can't remember the name of. Ukulele and light acoustic guitar made up the base of their instrumentals, and that's what really caught my attention — I was just learning guitar at the time, and their music was simple enough for me to play. I was excited when I learned that they were releasing a new album, *Black Cat*, this August.

*Black Cat* has ten songs and a total playtime of only 34 minutes, so it's a quick and easy listen. The band is known for its interesting and quirky sound which is a mixture of bubblegum-pop and emo music. Some songs have sweet, romantic vocals accompanied by ukulele, while others are heavier with guitar and angry lyrics. It was interesting to see the band incorporate (with varying degrees of success) electronic and rock elements to their sound with *Black Cat*. However, I was sort of disappointed that there wasn't as much ukulele.

Singer Christofer Drew's vocals were on point throughout the album, but not every track hit the mark lyrically — some songs were borderline boring, and others were well-meaning

but teenage and cliché. Never Shout Never's songs are generally either summery and full of romance (some tracks celebrate love, others lament it), or are fast-paced dance songs. While my favorite track was "Red Balloon," I also really enjoyed "Hey! We OK!" and "Black Cat." However, the remaining songs were pretty average: they were not bad — I wouldn't skip them if they came up on Pandora — but I wouldn't exactly go out of my way to add them to a playlist. While Never Shout Never had a few notable tracks on *Black Cat*, I think it's safe to say that I prefer their older stuff. Regardless, the album is pretty feel-good and light-hearted, so I'd definitely suggest you give it a listen if you like poppy, indie, sometimes folksy music (it's mellow enough to serve as background study music at the very least).

## Black Cat

# Never Shout Never

# Warner Bros Records

**Released August 7,  
2015**



**Christofer Drew is the frontman of Never Shout Never.**



# Don't judge a taco by its tortilla

Yeah, I'm not really sure what's going on either



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**Bar Hours: Sun-Wed  
11 a.m. - Midnight,  
Thurs-Sat 11 a.m. - 1  
a.m.**

I was immediately intimidated by the menu which was much more sophisticated than I had expected. I wasn't 100 percent sure what everything was, and as someone who doesn't eat pork, I found it a bit difficult to decide what to order. If you are the adventurous type of person who will order anything at least once at a place like Clover, you'll probably

Instead, the menu included things like crispy pigs' ear chilaquiles, cordero (which is a dish made with lamb belly and fermented kale), and cabeza ahogada (pig's head with bacon). I settled on a carne asada taco and a torched-avocado taco (\$4 per taco) with a side of chips and guacamole (\$8). I liked the grilled avocados in the torched-avocado taco, but I thought that the crunchiness of the almond salsa added a strange texture and it sort of ruined the taco for me. There was nothing to really complain about with the carne asada tacos, but also nothing special (this was probably the high point of the meal since I didn't find any part of the dish unappealing). The portions were pretty small compared to what you'd get for around the same price at other tex-mex places nearby. I liked their house-made corn tortillas, but my boyfriend thought they were undercooked (which is a valid description, but I guess I liked that). The chips and guac were a little disappointing since the chips were pretty stale (and I suspect store-bought) and the guacamole had a little too much of something (I couldn't quite place what that might have

Personally, I won't be going back to Naco Taco for dinner anytime soon. It probably wouldn't surprise you to know that, after we paid the check, my boyfriend decided we needed to go to 7-11 so he could buy a proper dinner — a microwaved breakfast sandwich — which cost \$3 and made him much happier than the tacos he had ordered.

Do you like video games? Movies? Talking to famous people?



How illogical

\*fangirling\*

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# THE DAILY CORRUPTION

On behalf of *The Tech*, we'd like to welcome the Class of 2019 to MIT! You'll find in the following pages a curated guide to this year's Residence Exploration (REX) events. We asked REX chairs to submit up to 25 events each and provide to short paragraphs about their living groups.

At MIT, you have the special privilege of choosing which dorm you would like to live in. You should engage as much as possible in the fun events the dorms will host, so you can find the people you will love to hang out with for years to come. Visit other dorms even if you are satisfied in your current assignment, and remember that the people and culture of a dorm matter more than its physical amenities (or lack thereof). Switching dorms is more than possible, and don't forget that the many fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups (FSILGs) will also be recruiting in a couple weeks. You'll find a similar guide to FSILG events in an upcoming issue. Don't forget to have fun and pepper the upperclassmen with questions!

*Maseeh Hall and McCormick Hall did not submit descriptions about their dormitories by The Tech's publication deadline. Senior Haus did not submit events or a description.*

## MESSAGES FROM YOUR REX CHAIRS

### Baker House

Welcome to Baker House! We're one of MIT's most social and most requested dorms on campus. Come hang out with us to find out more. Or, check out the REX booklet for our annual tradition, one of the largest parties on campus all year, the Baker House Sky-line Party. You don't want to miss it!

—Baker VRPOs

### Burton-Conner

One day you'll find yourself snowed into the dorm, staring at the army of mutant rats fighting for the warmth of the radiators. You'll think to yourself, "If only I had a fiercely loyal family within hollering distance to come to my aid. If only I could plaster my walls with anti-demon rat symbols. If only I had my own kitchen so that I could make rat treats. If only I had a world class gym to train my rat army." At BC you'll get all of this and more!

—Abbey Russell '18

### EAsT camPUS

Where the grills are always hot, the lemonade homeopathic, and the weak shall be eaten. Stop by to grab a burger, dye your hair, explore our halls, and take part in various Courtyard Shenanigans.

—EAsT camPUS REX Chair

### MacGregor House

Forget everything you think you know about MacGregor and come have an awesome REX with us. MacGregor is the dorm where you can choose what culture to be a part of, be it gaming, traveling, general tomfoolery or all of the above. Worried about horrible roommates? Don't worry. Ours are the best. And have you seen the river views? Not to mention the best dorm gym on campus, proximity to two dining halls, and MacCon, our very own convenience store (worried about the winter? Don't worry- even if you forget to stock up, you won't have to go outside).

—M. MacGregor

### New House

It's hard to describe New House and its nine member houses with only a few words, because we encompass such diversity. We're artists, engineers, athletes, musicians, builders, scholars, thinkers, doers, and so much more. But underneath this array of talents and passions lies our unifying factor: community. We live in New House because our family is here. In each house, we form bonds with our next-door neighbors, and our individual communities come together to create New House, our amazing home. (We also are brought together by the fact that we really like cooking food. And eating food.)

—Sarah Wharton '17

### Next House

Next is a home far from campus that's well worth the walk. Next is friends. Playing pool and ping pong at all hours. Birthday cakes and saws and showers. Bonding over psets in lounges, staying up late to have talks. A mysterious music meister stalking the forums. A creepy snowman in the courtyard in March, a thrilling three-story slide in April. A sprawling blanket fort for a weekend. Sticky notes with messages on the walls. Karaoke, a talent show, a very unusual musical. Joel at desk, jdoanuts in the dining hall. Next enters a new semester; come visit us!

—Sophie Mori '18

### Random Hall

Come and be merry at MIT's nerdiest dorm, random hall! home of the milk, preposterously large board game collection, and many more oddities. Tours running from 12 p.m.-10 p.m. every day. Ask for one at desk!

—Unknown

### Simmons Hall

On the outside, Simmons Hall is a looming structure of concrete and glass, but on the inside it's an incredibly warm, welcoming place to call home. Since floors are architecturally connected, a strongly-knit community stretches across the whole dorm; fellow Sims will pitch in to help rearrange furniture or go down to dinner together or poke fun on sponge-talk. They are full of innovative ideas, and our dorm government structure allows any resident to submit and vote on proposals and spend dorm funds to increase the happiness within the great Sponge.

— Kate Farris '17, Yuge Ji '18, Kristina Kim '17



SOURCE: STAMEN MAPS AND OPENSTREETMAP

## Friday, August 28, 2015

1:00 AM

1:41 AM **EAsT camPUS**  
"Bernie Sanders knows about, 'The Hashtag.'"

3:00 AM

3:15 AM - 6:15 AM **Random Hall**  
Random House of Pancakes! Is it early, or is it late? All we know is that we have delicious pancakes to feed you.

12:00 PM

12:59 PM **EAsT camPUS**  
Normally D is for "discretion," but in that case D was for "denial." That's not what D is usually for.

3:00 PM

3:42 PM **EAsT camPUS**  
We sent off our construction plans to the building commissioner of Cambridge for approval. We haven't heard back from him in months.

4:00 PM

4:54 PM **EAsT camPUS**  
Paul Murphy told us "Don't worry about it."

6:00 PM

6:50 PM **E A S T camPUS**  
My mom doesn't let me have

lighters at home, but now I'm in college!

8:00 PM

8:15 PM - 11:45 PM **Random Hall**  
Build a Dominion in Puerto Rico that comprises the Seven Wonders, then Race to the Galaxy and help the Twilight Imperium crush the Resistance. Through the Ages, board games have been an Innovation Random Hall has enjoyed. Come and play the various board games we've acquired!

## Saturday, August 29, 2015

9:00 AM

9:45 AM - 11:45 AM **Random Hall**  
Espresso and Latte Art. Come to Random Hall to learn the mysteries of high-pressure coffee.

11:00 AM

11:06 AM **EAsT camPUS**  
d5s exist, the world isn't fair

12:00 PM

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Next House**  
Next House Mural. We have paint! And a giant canvas! All that's missing is a dash of 2019... Let there be no blank canvas left.  
12:05 PM **EAsT camPUS**  
Don't worry, your hair will grow back soon  
12:26 PM **EAsT camPUS**  
I've never been co-located with an orange and a shower."

1:00 PM

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM **Simmons Hall**  
@ Briggs Field: Go to college to get in touch with your inner child. Join us for some fun playground games and nomable food!

2:00 PM

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM **Simmons Hall**

3:00 PM

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Burton-Conner**  
@ Burtonsides Grill: Come for the grill. Stay for the chill.

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM **McCormick Hall**  
Has your FPOT finished early? Or are you just early? Either way, come and join us for the BEST ICE CREAM in Boston! We depart from the Front Lobby of McCormick at 3:00pm. (Did we mention BOSTON'S FINEST ICE CREAM?) Please bring some money.

4:00 PM

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM **New House**  
@ New House Desmond: Experience the anarchy first hand as we try to play a game using the public chat, live. Prizes and snacks are available.  
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Simmons Hall**  
Make new friends and chat with the Simmons park rangers while you chow down on freshly grilled burgers. Meat and vegetarian options available!

5:00 PM

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Burton-Conner**  
@ Burton 5 Floor Lounge: Paper airplane contest! Winner gets an iPad. Or a high-five. My choice. P.S. There will be snacks and slinkies

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM **Simmons Hall**  
Who's that guys talking in the strange accent wearing a kilt? Why, it's Simmons's resident Scottish person, of course! Come take part in some Scottish Country Dancing and hear stories about the wild Haggises of Scotland!

6:00 PM

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM **Maseeh Hall**  
@ PDR: Dude we're giving out free Chi-







McCormick



EAsT camPUS



Baker

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potle and it’s not like you have anything better to do.

7:00 PM

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Simmons Hall**  
EVERYTHING is bigger in Simmons. Giant BALL PITS. Giant JENGA. Giant ORIGAMI. Giant TWISTER. Giant DINOSAURS. Wait, what?

8:00 PM

8:00 PM - 12:00 AM **New House**  
@ NH2: Video games! Board games! Card games! Crafts based on games!  
8:30 PM - 11:00 PM **Maseeh Hall**  
@ Media Room: Good Will Hunting. You’re not a real MIT student if you’ve never seen it. Nuff said.  
8:56 PM **EAsT camPUS**  
Bisexuals are greedy, but in a good way.

9:00 PM

9:00 PM - 10:30 PM **Next House**  
We’ve got a wide variety of exciting board games and dozens of delicious bagels in Next Dining. Not sure which we have more of... Come find out!

10:00 PM

10:00 PM - 12:00 AM **Simmons Hall**  
Wub Wub and Wings. Hangout and listen for the bass drop while enjoying some delicious wings. The wings are chicken this time because we’re all out of dodo birds.

11:00 PM

11:00 PM - 1:00 AM **Simmons Hall**  
Sporcle and Cheesecake Party: We have cheesecake! Come help us consume it! Sporcle is a group trivia game which we will be projecting on to the big screen!  
11:45 PM - 1:00 AM **Next House**  
@ Lobby: What’s all this buzz? It’s just regular frisbee, but in darkness and with glowing frisbees.

Sunday,  
August 30, 2015

2:00 AM

2:13 AM **EAsT camPUS**  
Do you have a safety plan for that? “It’s called failing.” “THAT’S NOT OSHA APPROVED.”

9:00 AM

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM **MacGregor House**  
MacGregor House of Pancakes. Come get the Pick-a-Pancake combo with pancakes, eggs and two strips of bacon for \$9.95 (free for frosh).  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Simmons Hall**  
Help Simmons Hall prepare for the water war by building a giant Trojan Duck! This offensive weapon will be armed with many waterballons and spirited pre-frosh as West campus rides to victory in the Water War. Even a T-Rex would cower in fear.  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM **McCormick Hall**  
Morning workout anyone? Go for a jog around the bridge loop (a popular route for runners) led by McCormick residents. Whether you’re looking for a morning workout or a scenic jog, we’ll have a group for you! Breakfast available starting at 10:00 a.m.

11:00 AM

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM **Next House**  
Anyone can flip burgers on a grill, but at Next House (until 09/02) we flip you. Introducing the Big Flipper, a ride that swings you upside down, ten feet in the air! We guarantee you’ll be head-over-heels for this Next Big Thing.  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM **Burton-Conner**  
@ Conner Two Floor Lounge: Come for delicious, cinnamon-y, eggy, baked and pan-fried french toast (the most superior breakfast food) and fresh seasonal fruit! Pancake and waffle lovers, steer clear.  
11:00 AM **EAsT camPUS**  
The bathrooms are gender-neutral in the sense that if you have a gender you need a different gender with you to maintain gender-neutrality

12:00 PM  
FYRE  
applications  
open!

*fyre.mit.edu*

12:00 PM

12:00 PM - 2:15 PM **McCormick Hall**  
We’ve raided Haymarket, so we’ve

got tons of fruit and yogurt. Come show us your mad blending skills by designing your own smoothies.  
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM **MacGregor House**  
Water War Prep I. The best offense is a good defense. Come make a shield to defend against condoms filled with water that probably wont get you wet anyway.  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM **MacGregor House**  
@ A Entry (floor 14): A Entry thinks the cookie is the truest canvas man has yet created. Come see if you agree with them.  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Simmons Hall**  
Get fueled up before Orientation Kickoff by making your own pizza bagel! Carnivors and vegetarians welcome! (Please no velociraptors though)  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Next House**  
Like baking? Like helping people? Come make cookies with Nexties :) We will make enough to eat some ourselves and donate the rest to a homeless shelter.  
12:40 PM **EAsT camPUS**  
EasT camPUS: cultured, like chobani

1:00 PM

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM **baker-rex**  
Tours! Leaving every 30 minutes from the lobby.  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM **Burton-Conner**  
@ Burton Third: Browse the art gallery while enjoying some light refreshments. Please maintain a respectful distance from the artwork  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM **New House**  
@ German House lounge: Therapeutic Sunday crafts! Cleanse your stresses and forget your worries as we make shrinky dink earrings, bracelets, key chains, and other things (there will be AC).  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM **MacGregor House**  
@ J entry (Low Rise): Come test your knowledge of memes against J Entry.  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM **Next House**  
@ Courtyard: Come chow down on some Next House burgers while you watch your friends try to hold their burgers down on the Big Flipper.

2:00 PM

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM **McCormick Hall**  
“Don’t want to stain your desk with

coffee stains to come? Make personalized coasters with our GRTs! :D You can ask.  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM **MacGregor House**  
@ Grill Pits: If you need a description to know what a BBQ is, just come check it out. If not, you know it’s worth it.  
2:32 PM **EAsT camPUS**  
“I’m on top of the Paul Murphy stuff.” “As long as you’re not on top of Paul Murphy.”

3:00 PM

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Simmons Hall**  
Embrace your inner caveman and paint some obscure paliolithic beasts on some free T-shirts, or anything else you can think of. We have stencils, and plenty of apparel to go around.  
3:00 PM - 1:00 AM **Simmons Hall**  
Go back to being a little kid and help us build a giant cardboard fort in the Mailbox Lounge. We’ll be working on the construction all day and night so come along whenever to help out!  
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM **Burton-Conner**  
@Burtonside Grill: Existential Oobleck crisis. Do you know what Oobleck is? Well it’s a solid suspension of corn starch and water that you can walk on. It’s also a liquid suspension of corn starch and water that you can sink right into.

4:00 PM

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Burton-Conner**  
@ Briggs Field C: Huck, It’s too Hot. Join us for casual / pickup ultimate frisbee and then come eat all the ice pops we can pack into the Burton 1 refrigerators. We have 13.5 refrigerators.  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM **McCormick Hall**  
Make a lot of new friends all at once with our fast and fun games!  
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM **New House**  
New House 4: Have you ever wanted to be a Chipotle employee for a day? Probably not, but you should come make your own tasty burrito at our TexMex Feast.  
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM **MacGregor House**  
Laser Tag. Take aim with modified paintball guns. Shoot your friend, shoot your enemies... shoot, you forgot to reload.

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Simmons Hall**  
The rangers still have burgers left! Come and chill by the grills and learn how to evade pesky velociraptors. Meat and veggie options available! We promise not to serve you any dino meat.

5:00 PM

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM **McCormick Hall**  
From Chinese to Indian to Mexican, we’ve ordered food from restaurants in the area and we need you to help us eat it all! Embrace the free food culture of MIT!

6:15 PM - 7:15 PM  
Orientation  
Kickoff

7:00 PM

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM **Burton-Conner**  
@ Floor Lounges (4, 5, 6): Cards Against Humanity and GRTs... what could go wrong?  
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM **Burton-Conner**  
@ Burton Third Lounge: Forget everything you thought you knew about spam. Experience spam in all its wonderful shapes and sizes, its many flavors, the delicious intricacies that spark a revolution on your tongue.

8:00 PM

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Burton-Conner**  
@ Burton 2: Want to challenge your twister skills on a whole new level? Come to Burton two where we’ll be playing 3D twister in our hallways using both floors and walls. The cute murals of our floor are waiting for you!  
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM **McCormick Hall**  
Trivia and Mafia. You may win at trivia, but can you survive through the night with the mafia alive...  
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM **New House**  
The chocolate is flowing! Come to the courtyard to enjoy s’mores, ping pong, cards against humanity, and time with friends as we delight in the first night of Orientation and REX.  
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Simmons Hall**  
Ramen is a dinosaur’s favorite food.



Burton-Conner



Senior Haus





Daily Confusion, from Page 9

Oh, I’m wrong, am I? Yeah? Well, go find a dinosaur and ask them yourself.

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Next House**  
Eat mochi ice cream with 5E and learn dance moves from your favorite K-pop songs!  
8:30 PM - 10:30 PM **MacGregor House**  
@ D entry (High rise floor 5): What do you mean you don’t know what a Fugue is? Come test your knowledge of music against the residents of D entry. Snacks will, of course, be provide.

9:00 PM

9:00 PM - 11:30 PM **Maseeh Hall**  
Much Smash. Many Bros. Such gaming. Wow.  
9:00 PM - 1:00 AM **Simmons Hall**  
Meet some of your new classmates through friendly competition! There will be games and more ice cream sandwiches than you’ve ever seen before. Meet us in our dining hall.  
9:00 PM - 12:00 AM **New House**  
Relax with the members of French House while drinking Sofip Smoothies and watching a classic French film.  
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM **Next House**  
Come hang out in 5W and join in a Star Wars marathon, lightsaber battles, and more while consuming Star Wars/Dark Side themed snacks.

10:00 PM

10:00 PM - 11:30 PM **Next House**  
We mix the dough, you come mix with us in an evening of decorating, eating, and singing!  
10:30 PM - 12:30 AM **MacGregor House**  
Come watch classics at the Outdoor Lounge. Queued up is THE MATRIX, BOONDOCK SAINTS, and FIGHT CLUB

11:00 PM

11:00 PM - 12:00 AM **Burton-Conner @ Suite 433 (Burtonside):** Come make pizza on Conner 3. Enough said

Monday, August 31, 2015

2:00 AM

2:30 AM **EAsT campUS**  
[censored]

9:00 AM

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM **MacGregor House**  
Delicious Crepes, Abrasive Chefs, and Plenty of Nutella

10:00 AM

10:00 AM - 12:00 AM **Next House**  
Team up to solve speed, code, and logic puzzles! You’ll race for honor and glory in Next Code’s annual event. Never solved a puzzle before? No problem! We’ll guide you!

11:00 AM - 12:00PM  
**Convocation**

12:00 PM

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM **Simmons Hall**

Feeling like an artistic knight? Prepare to claim victory for West Campus in the Water War by painting your battle shield or making flags!

1:00 PM

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM **New House**  
The International Development House is turning 8 years old, so we’re throwing a birthday party! There will be pizza, cake, musical chairs, pin the tail on the donkey, a pinata, hide and seek, and more!  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM **MacGregor House**  
Come on and slam with Manny and David. We ball so hard Bob Ramsey wants to fine us!!  
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM **MacGregor House**  
Have a favorite movie? Favorite band? Favorite character? Paint it on a shield and call it art. And then use it to defend yourself against people who should be covering themselves instead. Continues 3:30 - 5:30  
1:59 PM **EAsT campUS**  
Next thing i know i was in the shower and he hands me the pickle juice and i was like “oh.”

3:00 PM

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM **McCormick Hall**  
Grab some watermelon, lemonade and carnival goodies. Get your face painted and play games on our lawn!  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM **New House**  
Come join Kuvira and Zuko in German House for a cup of tea and to reminisce about their legacy with some highlights of Avatar: the Last Airbender and The Legend of Korra. Located in the German House lounge, New House 6, 2nd floor.  
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM **Next House @ Briggs:** Come join the Next Football Club for a game of pickup soccer! All skill levels welcome. Feel free to join at any time. FIFAs will not be tolerated, unless Sepp Blatter is present.

4:00 PM

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Burton-Conner**  
All-Inclusive Burton Third Beach Resort! Hot bod for your bikini not included.  
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM **MacGregor House**  
Silly String never changes. Since the dawn of human kind, when our ancestors first discovered the killing power of silly string, blood has been spilled in the name of everything: from God to justice to simple, psychotic rage. (shoot silly string + the floor is lava)  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Simmons Hall**  
Inverse curling. Turn curling on its head and roll some blocks of ice down the hall! because it’s not the ice age anymore.  
4:15 PM - 5:15 PM **Burton-Conner @ Mem. Drive Entrance:** Lace up your running shoes and join current MIT students as we jog along the Charles and showcase the beauty of the river. We will meet on the Memorial Drive entrance of Burton Conner to start the run.  
4:15 PM - 5:15 PM **Burton-Conner @ Porter Room:** Been having a long, tiring day of Orientation? Want to let loose and fill up fast? I know you have the munchies right about now. Come play against your new friends in life sized hungry hungry hippos and put the HIP back in

HIPpopotamus

6:00 PM

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM **Burton-Conner @ Conner 4 Floor Lounge:** Want to learn more about the exciting genre of francophone hip-hop? Want to meet people while rocking out to the hottest beats out of Quebec? Come eat delicious tofu and listen to the unique blend of styles that is Randy Raymond!  
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM **MacGregor House**  
Come get lei’d at MacG. We got tiki torches, fresh fruit and, most importantly, a kokami ice cream truck!  
6:46 PM **EAsT campUS**  
“I am not two men.” “Not with that attitude.”

7:00 PM

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM **New House**  
Join French House in eating a delicious, home-cooked meal. No previous eating experience required. Bring your own eyes, mouths, noses, etc.  
7:00 PM - 3:00 AM **New House**  
Join Desmond to eat snacks, watch some movies, and chillax.  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM **Next House**  
Make your own tasty treats, create some tunes, and have fun with friends in 3E!  
7:20 PM **EAsT campUS**  
We had to deal with a FEE, too. We bet we hated ours more than your hated yours. #notbitter”  
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM **Simmons Hall**  
Sponge Scavenger Hunt. Make your way through the most puzzling of MIT’s dorms on the path to become the first team to find the hidden Coin! Limited number of teams will be able to participate.  
7:49 PM **EAsT campUS**  
He throws the package at Desk and I was like “WHOA, that’s different.”

8:00 PM

8:00 PM - 10:30 PM **McCormick Hall**  
Fondue! Melted chocolate and plenty of fruit and sweets to dip, what’s not to like? Come check out the Boston skyline from our penthouse at our famous fondue night!  
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Next House**  
2 West + 2 Nerdy = 4 You. Play your nerdy heart out as you hang out with ‘cool’ 2 West and Company members for a game night set to mood music from the 2 West YouTube playlist for Terrifying Frosh.  
8:30 PM - 11:00 PM **Maseeh Hall @ Media Room:** Stop by Maseeh to watch a great movie! And no, we’re not telling you what movie. It’s a surprise.  
8:30 PM - 12:00 AM **MacGregor House**  
@ 8th floor (High Rise): Come up to C Entry to enjoy cheesy movies like “Jesus Christ Vampire Hunter,” and “Miami Connection” while playing Cards Against Humanity and eating snacks! Friends will be made and hilarity will ensue.

9:00 PM

9:00 PM - 3:00 AM **Simmons Hall**  
A puzzle hunt made by MIT students for MIT students. Drop in at any time and solve a few puzzles, or stay as long as it takes to get to the end!  
9:00 PM - 1:00 AM **MacGregor House**

Simmons

Texas Hold ‘em. No limits. Crappy dealers  
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM **Next House**  
Food! Board Games! Video Games! Art! Music Jam Sesh! All in one place! Get ready to #turnup with Next Two East in our all out extravaganza! Test your skills! BYOI (Bring your own instruments)! Draw on our numerous chalkboards! Show us your talent! Oh yeah, and food.

10:00 PM

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM **baker-rex**  
Skyline Party sponsored by Rockstar Energy Drink! Come rage at the largest party of REX at the most social dorm on campus! Over 600 people attended last year! Featuring all the best house, top 40, hip-hop and trap beats from two of Boston’s top DJ’s.  
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM **Burton-Conner @ Burton 5 Floor Lounge:** Bad Sex Advice Ostrich. Because ostriches don’t give good sex advice... Two condoms = Double the protection! Get in the mood with some sexy snacks ;)  
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM **Simmons Hall**  
Top of the Sponge. Raise the roof / on/ the roof of Simmons Hall! Party it up as you break it down with new friends against the backdrop of the MIT campus and Boston skyline.

11:00 PM

11:00 PM - 12:00 AM **Burton-Conner @ Suite 233 (Connerside):** Betray the ones you love. Mafia, Resistance, One-Night Ultimate Werewolf, etc.

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12:00 AM

12:00 AM - 1:00 AM **baker-rex**  
Skyline Party sponsored by Rockstar Energy Drink! Come rage at the largest party of REX at the most social dorm on campus! Over 600 people attended last year! Featuring all the best house, top 40, hip-hop and trap beats from two of Boston’s top DJ’s.  
12:00 AM - 1:00 AM **Burton-Conner @ Burton Third Floor Lounge:** Harry Potter erotic fanfiction. i’d like to slytherin your chamber of secrets with my elder wand.  
12:00 AM - 11:45 PM **New House**  
Psyched for Fallout 4? Come build your own wasteland settlement with Desmond and iHouse out of materials scavenged from a wasteland! (The wasteland of the campus waste stream, that is.) While you’re there, learn about real shanty towns and sustainable living from iHouse.

3:00 AM

3:21 AM **EAsT campUS**  
So I set the can’t down to talk to the painters. They were like HER EYES ARE UP THERE.

9:00 AM

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM **McCormick Hall**  
Get in your morning stretch in with some yoga led by McCormick residents. Yoga mats will be provided. Breakfast available starting at 10  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM **MacGregor House**  
venez ici pour un petit-dejeuner de french toast (come here for a breakfast of french toast)

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM **McCormick Hall**  
Get in your morning stretch in with some yoga led by McCormick residents. Yoga mats will be provided. Breakfast available starting at 10.

10:00 AM

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM **baker-rex**  
Come enjoy our beautiful million-dollar view of the Boston Skyline from our rooftop while you eat breakfast and chat with Baker residents!  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Burton-Conner @ Suite 511 (Connerside):** Bet you didn’t realize you’ve never eaten a real Belgian waffle (liege variety)! The real ones are yeasty, textured and so, so delicious. Come on over and we’ll fix that gaping patch in your childhood.  
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM **Burton-Conner @ Suite 223 (Connerside):** Come eat our authentic british second breakfast foods.

12:00 PM

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM **Burton-Conner @ Burtonsides Grill:** Have you ever been wrestling and thought, “this would be 33rd times better in jello”? No? You should probably try it anyway.  
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM **New House**  
@ New House 3: Throw paint-filled balloons at your friends in this clash of colors -- but never surrender, on paint of death. For our fashion-forward frosh: never fear, ponchos will be provided!  
12:30 PM - 5:30 PM **MacGregor House**  
Water War Prep II. “Aye, fight and you may get wet. Run and you’ll stay dry -- at least a while.” -William Wallace  
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM **Next House**  
Come dine on our annual veggie banquet! Chow down while watching the Big Flipper in action, and meet some Nexties!  
12:54 PM **EAsT campUS**  
They completely ruined our “sad cop, mad cop,” routine

1:00 PM

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM **MacGregor House**  
@ A Entry (floor 14): Guacamole, Chips, Great view, Conversation with people from A Entry. What more could you want?

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
**Academic Expo**

2:00 PM

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM **McCormick Hall**  
Cool down with Toscinini’s, Boston’s best ice cream, and our famous homemade fudge!

3:00 PM

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Simmons Hall**  
Sick of eating burgers and hot dogs? Embrace your inner brontosaurus or triceratops by munching on some salad! We also have Henna!

4:00 PM

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM **Maseeh Hall @ Courtyard:** Ye olde freshman, venture forth to The Castle and wit-





ness some jousts and thereabouts. There'll be food aplenty.

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM **McCormick Hall**  
Our pathway looks really plain right now. Use your artistic skills to help us make it pretty! If you've already met with your advisor, come and join us in playing some of our favorite childhood games.

4:00 PM - 5:45 PM **Next House**  
Think your friend would look better as a redhead? Attack your friends with paint while helping Next House prepare for the Water War.

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM **Burton-Conner @ Suite 333rd (Burtonside):** If you came to this event during CPW there was a lot of smoke, bacon, and people. I hope you can make it out again because this time we promise at least double the bacon and twice the amount of good looking people.

5:00 PM

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM **New House**  
What will you build with ridiculous quantities of marshmallows? Fully edible construction materials await you!

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM **MacGregor House**  
Water War! Will you join in our crusade? Who will be strong and stand with me? Somewhere beyond the barricade is there a land you want to see? (West campus best campus)  
5:45 PM - 6:15 PM **McCormick Hall**  
Need a rest from fighting in the water war? Stop by our booth to grab yourself some reinvigorating pop-sicles! (P.S. we are not real medics...)

6:00 PM

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Burton-Conner @ Porter Room:** Dodgeball with toilet paper rolls. Messy, but fun.  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM **MacGregor House @ H Entry (low rise):** Shoot people with Marshmallows with H Entry, then eat your ammo. What more could you want in life?

7:00 PM

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM **Connerside BBQ Pits**  
Extra points if you don't chew  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM **McCormick Hall**  
Fondue night didn't satisfy your chocolate craving? We got you covered. Join us and create your own chocolate truffles! Make it your own and save it for later... if you can resist.  
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM **New House**  
Taste of New House @ New House (Arcade): It's the last chance to meet the 9 houses of New House. Come enjoy what New House does best

and get a taste of each house's personality through home cooked food!  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Simmons Hall**  
Come visit Simmons for the largest extravaganza of events ever! From scooter hockey to baked goods to henna, explore the diverse range of interests among the residents of the Sponge.

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM **MacGregor House**  
Step 1: Put stuff on stick  
Step 2: Put stuff in chocolate  
Step 3: ???  
Step 4: Profit  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM **Next House**  
Guitars, games, art, Smash Puzzle hunts, Melona too. Baymax beckons you.

7:24 PM **EAsT campUS**  
I walked out of the rooms topless, wearing booty shorts as pajamas, holding a cat. I must have looked like the dirties hippy.

8:00 PM

8:00 PM - 12:00 AM **Next House**  
Pizza balls, oreos, doritos, anything! Your imagination (or your stomach) is the limit!  
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Next House**  
Come to the 4E lounge for the first birthday celebration of the year! Eat cake and play games with us.  
8:30 PM - 10:30 PM **McCormick Hall**  
We've got board games, card games, and tons more. Come play, view the Boston skyline, and eat delicious desserts!  
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM **Maseeh Hall @ Courtyard:** S'MORES! S'MORES! S'MORES! gooey, fluffy, melty, so much sugarrrrr, open flamesss, yassssssss  
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM **Burton-Conner @ Burton Third Floor Lounge:** Pole Dancing. The vertical kind.

9:00 PM

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM **MacGregor House**  
Come Watch MIT make the hero in IRON MAN, the villain in KINGS-MAN, and the closet genius in GOOD WILL HUNTING  
9:00 PM - 10:30 PM **Simmons Hall**  
Want to know how students deal with pset deadlines? What to do if your roommate wants the room to themselves for the night? The meaning of life? Come and ask any question you want, anonymously, to our diverse panel of residents. They have sworn to tell the truth.  
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM **Next House**  
Come to the Shire! Check out Mike's orange Testa coil! Other activities include juggling, hiding, seeking, find-

ing, rhyming, peeling, eating, and decorating oranges. Consumables include oranges, orange chicken, and a surprise that's decidedly not orange.

10:00 PM

10:00 PM - 11:00 PM **Burton-Conner @ Burton Third Floor Lounge:** Deep Talks with Shallow People. Discuss the meaning of life, and other things as well.  
10:00 PM - 12:00 AM **New House**  
New House 4: Experience WSIIA, which requires you to think on your feet as you give a presentation you've never seen before. What could go wrong?  
10:00 PM - 12:00 AM **New House**  
You've seen celebrities do it, now's your chance to let your inner rock star out (silently). The one place where it's good to have a syncing feeling about singing ;)  
10:30 PM - 12:00 AM **Simmons Hall**  
Sardines. Enjoy reverse hide-and-seek in the architectural wonder which is Simmons Hall. Keep your eyes out for any free-ranging dinosaurs...  
10:30 PM - 12:00 AM **Simmons Hall**  
Stay by the campfire (read: grill) and tell scary stories or take your s'mores to go - just don't wander too far or the T-Rex will get you! Vegan marshmallows available.

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

2:00 AM  
FYRE applications close!  
fyre.mit.edu

12:00 AM

12:00 AM - 2:00 AM **Simmons Hall**  
It's just a forest, they said. It's just eight little pages, they said. It's just absolutely terrifying is what it is! Come play scary games in the dark with us. Can provide people to huddle in terror with and comforting snacks. Cannot provide peace of mind.

9:00 AM

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM **MacGregor House**  
No effort breakfast. We're tired. Come to MacG Dining room and go make yourself a bowl of cereal or

something.  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Next House**  
Christmas is in September this year! Come to Next House and join our "Elf" themed breakfast. We've got spaghetti with the four main food groups: candy, candy canes, candy corn, and sugar.

10:00 AM

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Burton-Conner @ Conner Two Floor Lounge:** Assigning someone to butter your muffin. English muffins included, dairy and non-dairy butter and butter-like options available.  
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM **McCormick Hall**  
Make origami fruits and vegetables and eat fruits and vegetables. Just don't eat the origami...

11:00 AM

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM **New House**  
The students of iHouse have made lots of power points in the last few years. Being the environmentally conscious people we are, we want to recycle everything we can! Come watch us try to deliver each other's presentations with zero preparation -- or join in the fun yourself!  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM **MacGregor House**  
Speed Friending. You've got 5 minutes to make a new best friend. NEXT

12:00 PM

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Next House @ Courtyard:** The stoves are on and the Grilled Cheese Laboratory's latest experiments are a go! Enjoy hot cheese and cheesy conversation.

2:00 PM

2:58 PM **EAsT campUS**  
UROP is different from Europe which is different from Europa, which is different from UPOP, I mean FPOP

2:00 AM  
FYRE results out!  
fyre.mit.edu

3:00 PM

3:04 PM **EAsT campUS**  
"I didn't run around with my clothes off when I was thirteen," "You didn't go to Jewish summer camp,""

4:00 PM

4:30 PM **EAsT campUS**  
I went to lab and broke a nail and felt too stereotypical, so I left.

5:00 PM

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Maseeh Hall @ Lobby:** Two kingdoms. Two great armies. Only one shall survive. Who knew Capture the Flag could be so medieval?  
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM **MacGregor House**  
REX is pretty much over at this point. Finish it off the proper way with ice cream!!!

8:00 PM

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM **Maseeh Hall @ Lobby:** Taste of Boston. Get acquainted with one of the many delicious dessert spots in Cambridge/Boston! From froyo to cannolis, this city has it all.  
8:00 PM - 11:30 PM **McCormick Hall**  
Sleep Over! End REX with a fun night of games and snacks with all your new McCormick friends!

10:00 PM

10:00 PM - 12:00 AM **Next House**  
S'mores and More S'mores. Warning: S'mores contain highly addictive ingredients such as chocolate, graham crackers, and marshmallows!

11:00 PM

11:16 PM **EAsT campUS**  
The equations are the same, but that doesn't mean the answer will be.

Thursday, September 3, 2015

08:00

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM **Maseeh Hall @ Lobby:** Who doesn't want to play with Mickey, the Maseeh dog? Also get some breakfast.

7:00 PM

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM **McCormick Hall**  
Get a chance to explore and learn about Boston! From the North End to Newbury Street, bring your walking shoes, some money, and your student ID.

Saturday, September 5, 2015

5:00 PM

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM **McCormick Hall**  
Curious how to get around MIT? Wondering where your classes might be? Want to get a better idea of what campus looks like? Meet us in the Brown Living Room and find a group of friends to take our scavenger hunt across campus! There shall be prizes at the end!

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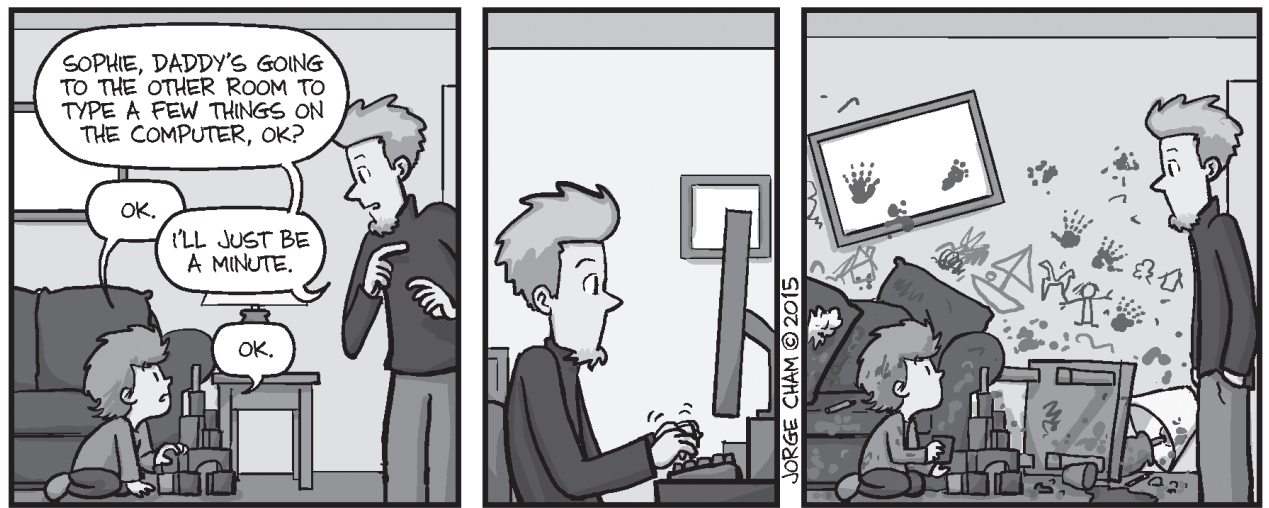
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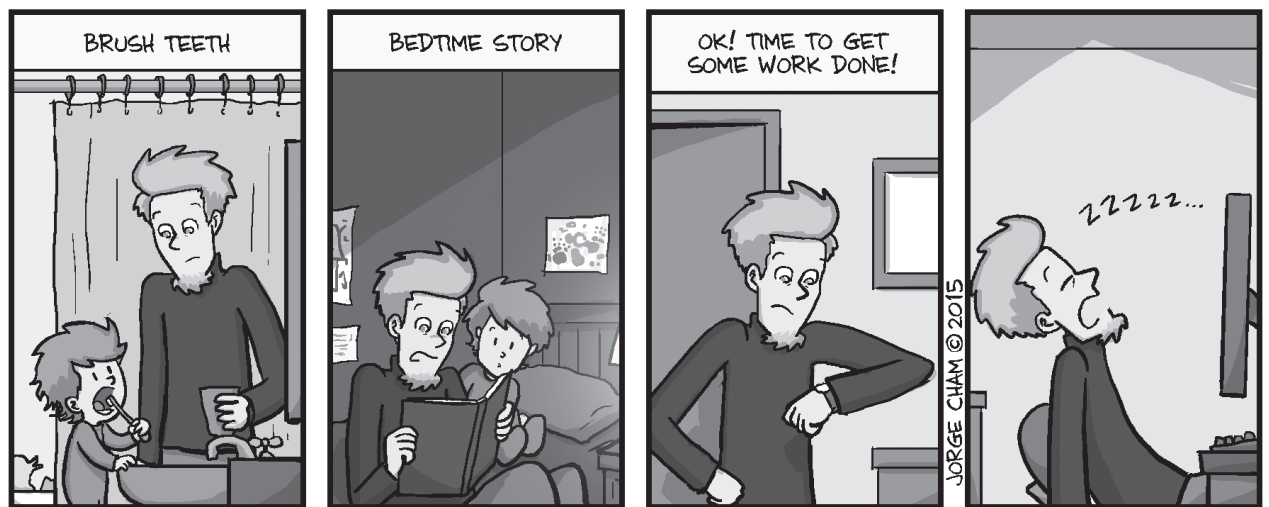




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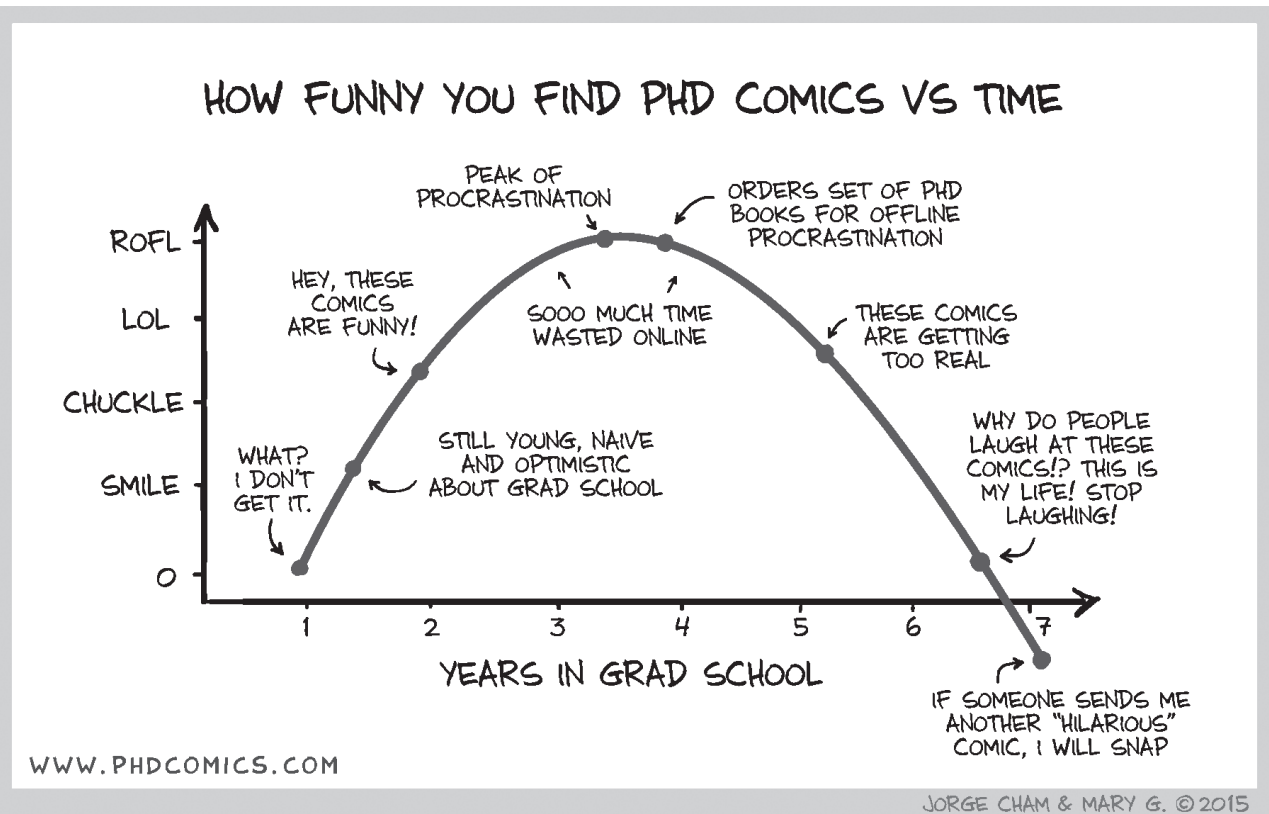
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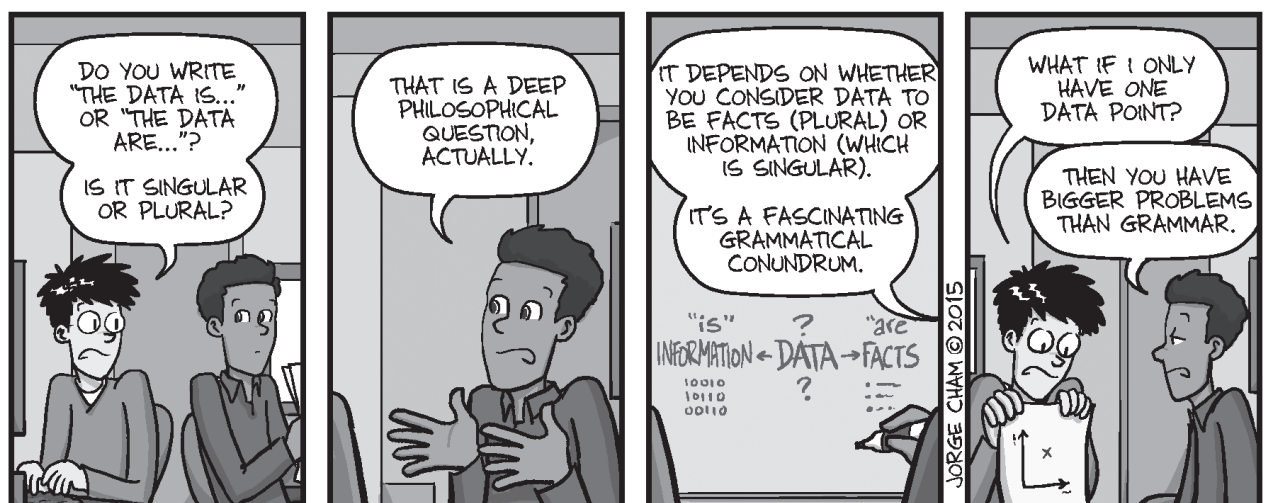
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# Summer 2015

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